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1. Two new bridges were opened to traffic in June 1950. They were ordered built by the Soviets, despite protests by the Government of Land Saxony-Anhalt. There is no civilian need for these bridges.
2. One is highway bridge across the Havel River between Premnitz (M 53/Z 14) and Milew (M 53/Z 14) on a category II road, about 9 km south of Rathenow. A hand-operated ferry was formerly used at this point. The bridge, a steel and wood structure with a load capacity of 60 tons, is 60 meters wide, 70 meters long, and has one span of 20 meters to allow a river craft to pass through. The length of the other span is unknown.
3. A highway bridge near Strohdehne (M 53/Z 07), about 10 km southeast of Havelberg (M 53/Y 97). The bridge establishes a connection between two category II roads. Previously a hand-operated ferry was also used at this point. The bridge is a steel and wood structure with a load capacity of 60 tons, is 6 meters wide, 120 meters long and has one span of 20 meters which opens for boats. The bridge is approached from both sides by embankments 500-meter long. *

[] Comment. The bridge near Strohdehne was mentioned in connection with the road being constructed between Rhinow (M 53/Y 17) and Havelberg (M 53/Y 97). [] The bridge between Premnitz and Milew was probably constructed in connection with the new road from Rathenow to Tangermünde (M 53/Y 04) via Fischbeck (M 53/Y 94). [] Both bridges are additional spans over the Havel River which improve east-west connections in the Haveland district. The Soviets probably ordered their construction for military reasons.

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